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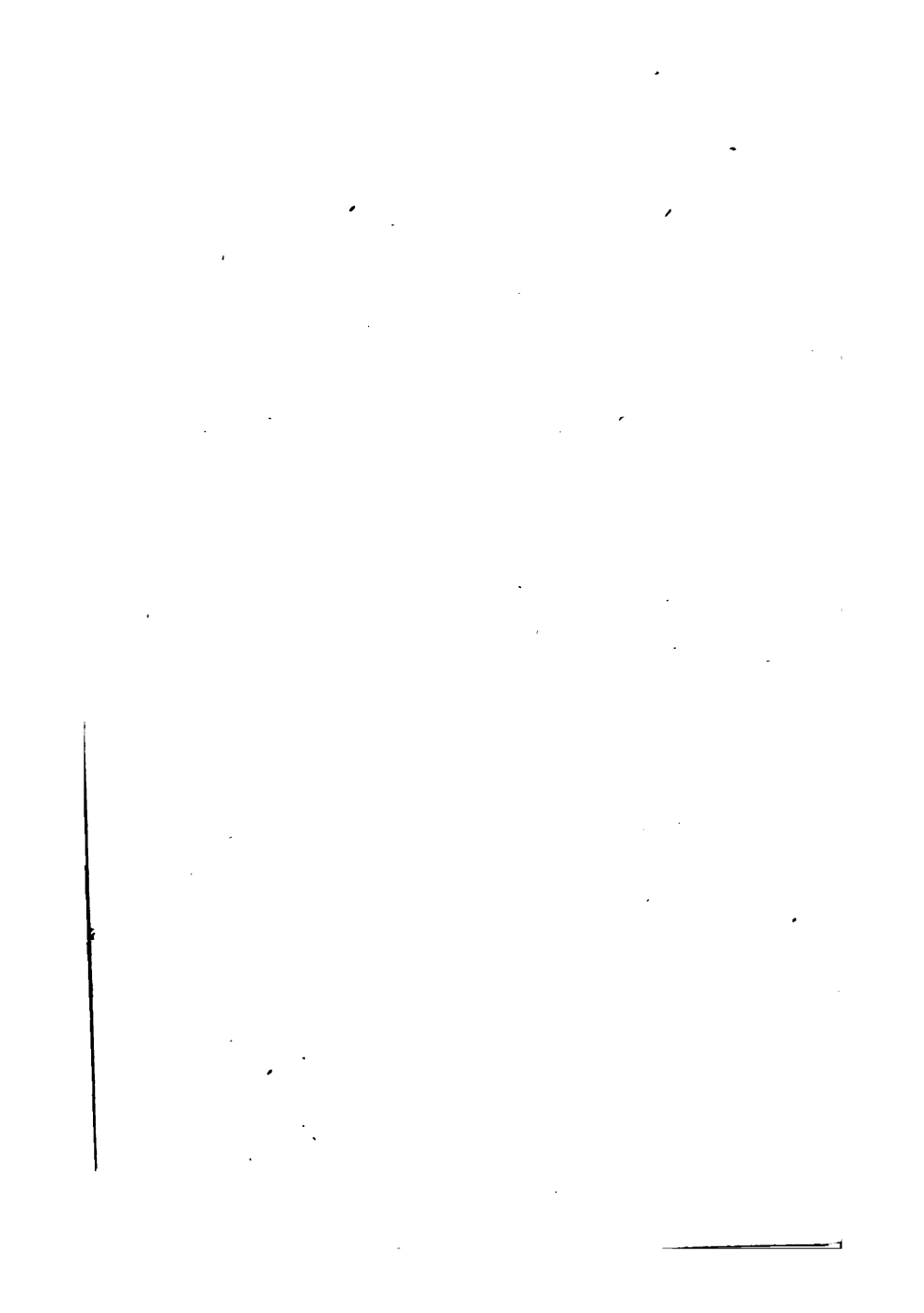
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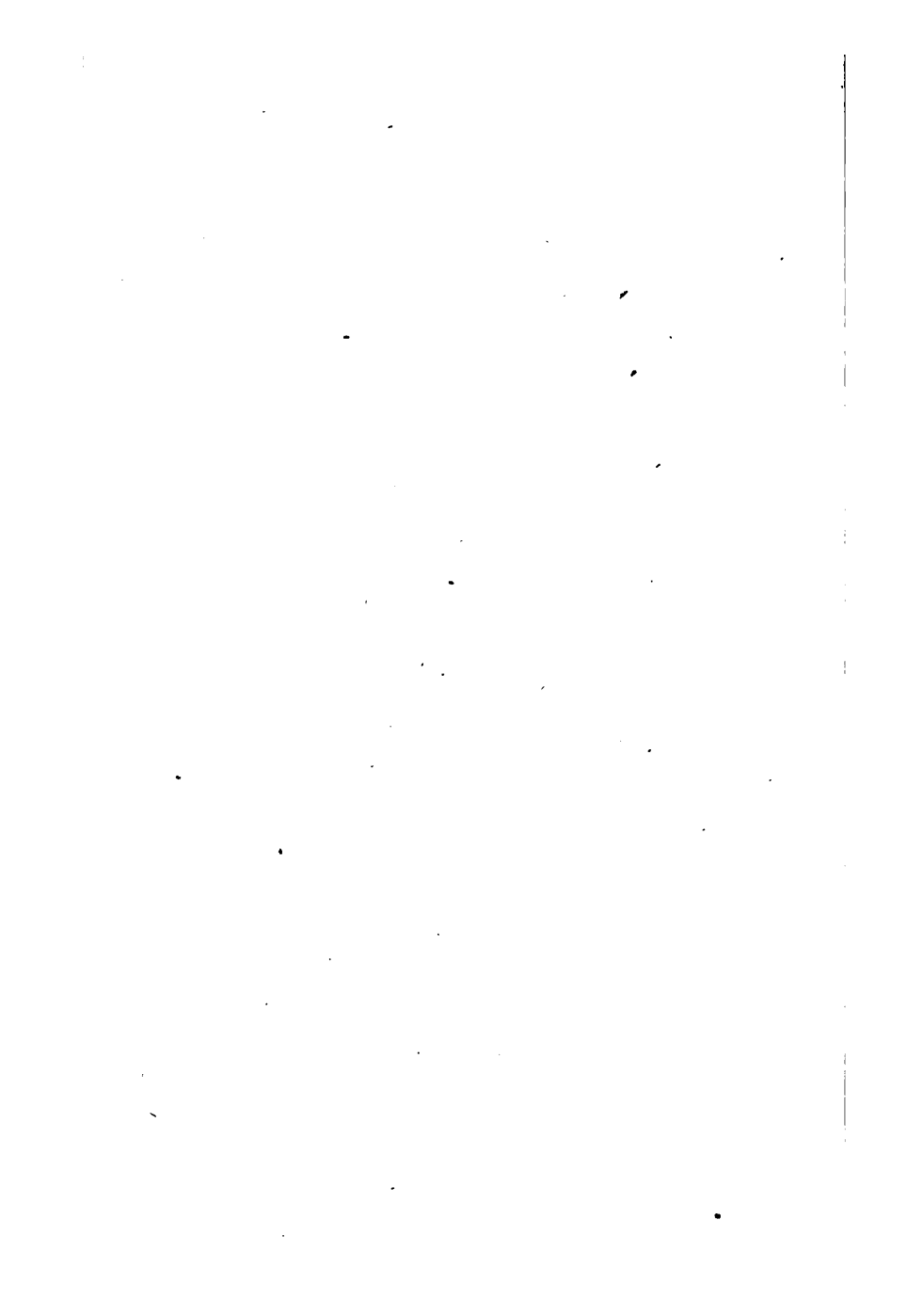
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BY-LAWS.

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PLAYING AT BALL—FLYING KITES—RUNNING DOWN HILL
UPON SLEDS, &c.

Any person who shall, after the first day of July next, play at ball, or fly a kite, or run down hill upon a sled, or play at any other game which may incommode peaceable citizens or passengers, in any street of that part of the town commonly called the *Village of New-Bedford*, shall for every such offence, upon conviction of the same, forfeit and pay the penalty of *fifty cents*, with costs of prosecution ; the said penalty to be applied to the use of the poor of this Town.

ENCUMBERING THE STREETS.

Any person who shall, after the first day of July next, encumber any of the aforesaid streets with wood, lumber, rubbish, stones, or any other article, and permit such wood, lumber, rubbish, stones, or other article to remain in any one of said streets more than forty-eight hours, shall, on conviction as aforesaid, forfeit and pay for every such offence, a penalty of not less than *fifty cents*, nor more than *five dollars*, with costs of prosecution ; and any person who shall, after any conviction of such offence, suffer the said wood, lumber, rubbish, stones, or other article to remain in any one of the said streets for another space of twenty-four hours, shall be liable to

another penalty as aforesaid; said penalty or penalties to be applied to the use of the poor of the town: Provided, nevertheless, that the Street Committee who shall hereafter be chosen, may at their discretion, grant on application, and for reasonable cause, with such provisions as the safety of the inhabitants may in their opinion require, permission to any person or persons to encumber any street with wood, lumber, rubbish, stones, or other article for a certain space of time; and such permission, from a majority of such Street Committee, shall exempt such person or persons from the penalty by this law imposed during the time for which such permission may be granted.

DRIVING FURIOUSLY THROUGH THE STREETS.

Any person who shall, after the first day of July next, drive any horse or carriage furiously through any one or more of the aforesaid streets, to the danger of the citizens, shall, on conviction of the offence as aforesaid, forfeit and pay for every such offence a penalty of not less than *fifty cents*, nor more than *five dollars*, with costs of prosecution; the penalty to be applied as aforesaid.

PERMITTING CARRIAGES TO STAND IN THE STREETS.

Any person who shall, after the first day of July next, suffer his cart, carriage, or other vehicle (except those used to draw firewood, stones, or lumber into the said village,) when not in use, to stand in and encumber any one of the aforesaid streets, shall, upon conviction as aforesaid, forfeit and pay for every such offence, a penalty of *fifty cents*, with the costs of prosecution; said penalty to be applied as aforesaid.

DISFIGURING FENCES AND BUILDINGS.

And whereas some evil-minded persons are in the habit

of disfiguring fences and buildings, by wantonly painting on them, and writing and drawing obscene words and pictures on them, to the disgrace of this town in the eyes of strangers, and to the disgust of well-disposed citizens : *Therefore, Voted*, That any person who shall, after the first day of July next, be convicted as aforesaid of any such offence, shall forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than *one dollar*, nor more than *five dollars*, for every such offence, with the costs of prosecution ; such penalty to be applied as aforesaid.

PROJECTING SIGNS, &C. OVER THE STREETS.

And whereas the practice of projecting signs over the streets, and also platforms for the exhibition of furniture and other articles from the upper stories of windows, has an unsightly appearance, and exposes passengers to so risk and inconvenience : *Therefore, Voted*, That no person shall be allowed to place his sign so as to extend over the line of the streets, (except it be those who are regularly licensed to keep a tavern) under a penalty of not less than *two* nor more than *five dollars*, with the costs of prosecution, on conviction of the same ; and any person so continuing his sign after the first conviction, shall be liable to a prosecution, as for a new offence, for every month that he shall so continue his sign ; and every person making any projection from a building over the line of any street in this village, (except it be steps for entrance to the first story of the same, or a single piece of timber for the convenience of hoisting, or a branch for suspending a lantern to light the streets,) shall on conviction of the same, forfeit and pay the penalty of not less than *two dollars* nor more than *five dollars*, with the costs of prosecution, and shall be liable to a prosecution as for a new offence once every month during the continuance of any projection, except as aforesaid ; the said

penalties to be applied to the use of the poor of the town. And any person continuing any such sign or projection after the sixth day of October next, shall be liable to a prosecution under this article, and, on conviction, to the penalty herein imposed, to be applied as aforesaid. And the Village of Bedford, over which the jurisdiction of the said Street Committee shall be construed to extend, shall be held to be comprehended within the following limits, viz : The north line of the street running easterly by the house late the homestead of Ebenezer Willis, deceased, and extending to the river ; the west line of the County Road, and the south line of the street running easterly south of Cornelius Grinnell's dwelling house, to the river.

NOISY ASSEMBLAGES IN THE STREETS.

And whereas the practice of boys and other persons assembling in the streets of the said village in the evening, tends to the disturbance of neighborhoods, to the annoyance of passengers in the streets, and oftentimes to the corruption of the morals of the youth : *Therefore, Voted*, That any boys or persons convicted of being concerned in any noisy assemblage, whereby the quiet of any neighborhood is disturbed, or passengers are annoyed, shall be liable on conviction to a penalty of not less than *fifty cents*, nor more than *five dollars*, with the costs of prosecution, which penalty shall be applied to the use of the poor of the town.

PERSONS BRINGING FIREWOOD, STONES AND LUMBER INTO THE VILLAGE FOR SALE, TO ALLOW THEIR LOADS TO STAND IN CERTAIN STREETS ONLY.

It shall be the duty of the Street Committee, who shall hereafter be chosen, to appoint suitable places in the said village of Bedford as stands for the use of persons who

shall bring firewood, stones or lumber into the said village for sale, and give due notice of such places by causing notifications thereof to be posted up in this and the adjoining towns; and any person who shall bring firewood, stones or lumber into the said village, and who shall encumber any of the streets other than in such places, by his cart, waggon or other vehicle, either laden or empty, or by such firewood, stones or lumber, after such due notice, shall, on conviction of such offence as aforesaid, forfeit and pay a penalty of *fifty cents* for every such offence, with the costs of prosecution; said penalty to be applied as aforesaid.

DUTIES OF STREET COMMITTEE.

There shall be chosen two or more suitable persons to be called a Street Committee, who shall enter upon their duty as soon as these By-Laws shall be approved according to law; and whose general duties (in addition to those above-mentioned) it shall be to enforce the observance of these By-Laws, and prosecute for all offences against the same, at the discretion of any one of the said Committee, and the necessary expenses attending said prosecution shall be defrayed at the expense of the town; and also to provide for the removal of the filth which may from time to time be collected in any of the streets of said village; and for that purpose they may draw on the Treasurer of the town for a sum not exceeding *Twenty Dollars* per annum, to pay the expense, if any, incurred by such removal: and such sums as shall be so drawn for, together with the expenses of prosecutions as abovementioned, shall be allowed to the Treasurer in his annual accounts, upon his producing the orders of the said Committee, or a majority of them;—and two or more suitable persons shall be chosen as such Street Committee, regularly at the annual meetings in this town for the choice of Town Officers.

KEEPING GUNPOWDER. *Passed May 10th, 1830.*

No person shall keep more than twenty-five pounds of gun-powder in any one building ; and such powder shall be kept in small canisters, each containing not more than six and a quarter pounds, in separate parts of the store or place of deposit ; and all other quantities shall be deposited in a suitable place designated by the town ; under a penalty of *five dollars* for every offence, with costs of prosecution ; the penalty to be applied as aforesaid.

STACKING AND SPREADING FISH.

No fish shall be stacked or spread for the purpose of making manure, or manuring land, in that part of the town of New-Bedford comprehended within the following limits, viz: Benjamin Rodman's farm, north ; Abraham Ricketson's house, south ; and from the river west to the Dartmouth line, under a penalty of *five dollars* for each offence, with costs of prosecution ; the penalty to be applied as aforesaid.

DRIVING TEAMS UPON THE SIDE WALKS.

That no team or any part thereof, or any vehicle, be driven upon any side walk, or against the curbing stones thereof, unless in cases hereafter provided, under a penalty of not less than *fifty cents* nor more than *five dollars*, to be sued for and recovered by the same complaint and process as other violations of the By-Laws of this Town, —unless said driving upon or passing said side walks be for the purpose of entering or approaching the premises of any individual fronting on the Streets or Highways, or where no other convenient access thereto exists, and all injury done by such passing shall be repaired at the expense of such individual.

Passed July 13th, 1831.

TO RESTRAIN DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE.

1st. That the Selectmen annually, as soon after their election to the office of Selectmen as may be, shall appoint, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint, some suitable person, who shall give sufficient security for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to be *Register of Dogs*, who shall annually account to the Selectmen for all fines and taxes collected by him as hereafter provided ; and who shall receive, as a full compensation for all services hereinafter named, the sum of *Fifty Dollars* annually. And the Selectmen shall, on or before the eighteenth day of this current month, appoint some suitable person to be Register of Dogs as aforesaid, to hold his office until the annual appointment, as above.

2d. No dog belonging to any inhabitant of said town, shall go at large within the limits of said town, between the first day of June and the thirtieth day of September annually.

3d. No dog belonging to any such inhabitant, shall go at large within the limits of said town at any other season of the year, unless the owner of such dog shall be licensed to permit such dog to go at large as aforesaid, in the manner hereinafter provided.

4th. The Register of Dogs in said Town may grant a license to any inhabitant of said Town, for his or her dog to go at large within the limits of said town at all seasons of the year, excepting the months above named, upon the condition that such dog shall wear a collar with the owner's name and the word 'Licensed' distinctly marked thereon. And every person procuring such license, shall pay therefor the sum of *Two Dollars*.

5th. Any person permitting his or her dog to go at large in said Town, in violation of either of the aforesaid By-Laws, shall forfeit and pay a sum of *Ten Dollars* for each and every offence.

6th. That it shall be the duty of the Register aforesaid, and he is hereby requested, rigidly to enforce the aforesaid provisions, and to prosecute for every violation thereof which shall come to his knowledge.

7th. That the said Register be authorized to offer a reward of *Fifty Cents* for the destruction of each and every dog found going at large contrary to the provisions of the foregoing Bye Laws, and that he pay the same from the sums paid for licenses as aforesaid, from fines which may be paid for a violation of said Bye Laws, or from any money in the Treasury under the direction of the Selectmen.

ORDINANCES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TOWN FROM
FIRE.—*Passed Dec. 23d, 1834.*

Ordinance First. No person shall be permitted to carry fire, fire brands, lighted matches, or any other ignited material, in the streets or thoroughfares of the Village of New-Bedford, unless the same shall be contained in an earthen or metallic vessel, with an earthen or metallic cover. Every person who shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance, shall, for each and every offence, forfeit and pay the sum of *Twenty Dollars*.

Ordinance Second. If any person within the limits of said Village of New-Bedford, shall erect or maintain any defective chimney, hearth, oven, stove, stove pipe, fire frame, furnace or other fixture, deposit for ashes, or shall keep within their premises any mixture which may produce spontaneous combustion, each and every person so offending shall forfeit and pay, for each and every offence, a penalty of *Twenty Dollars*.

Ordinance Third. Whenever any person, within the limits of such village, shall permit such quantities of shavings to accumulate on the premises owned or occupied by him, as in the opinion of any one of the Fire Wards who may be called upon to view the same shall be considered as endangering the safety of the town, it shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of said premises forthwith to remove such accumulation when requested so to do by the Fire Ward who has made the examination ; and if, upon such notice being given, the person notified shall not within forty-eight hours thereafter comply with it, he shall forfeit and pay a penalty of *Twenty Dollars*.

Ordinance Fourth. It shall be the duty of any Fire Ward, to whom complaint may be made that an offence against either of the regulations contained in the foregoing Ordinance has been committed, to enter the premises where the said erection or accumulation is kept or maintained, and examine the same ; and for this purpose he shall have free access to the premises complained against ; and if the owner or occupant shall hinder or obstruct the said Fire Ward in the examination of said premises, he or she shall forfeit and pay a penalty of *Twenty Dollars*.

Ordinance Fifth. Whenever a violation of the foregoing Ordinances shall come to the knowledge of either of the Members of the Board of Fire Wards, he shall give notice thereof to the Town Clerk in writing, if in his estimation a prosecution is required, that the person offending may be prosecuted according to law.

Ordinance Sixth. By the "Village of New-Bedford," whenever used in the foregoing Ordinances, shall be understood that part of the Town of New-Bedford comprehended between the north side of Willis Street and the south side of South Street, or of a line drawn easterly to the river, or westerly to the Dartmouth line, in con-

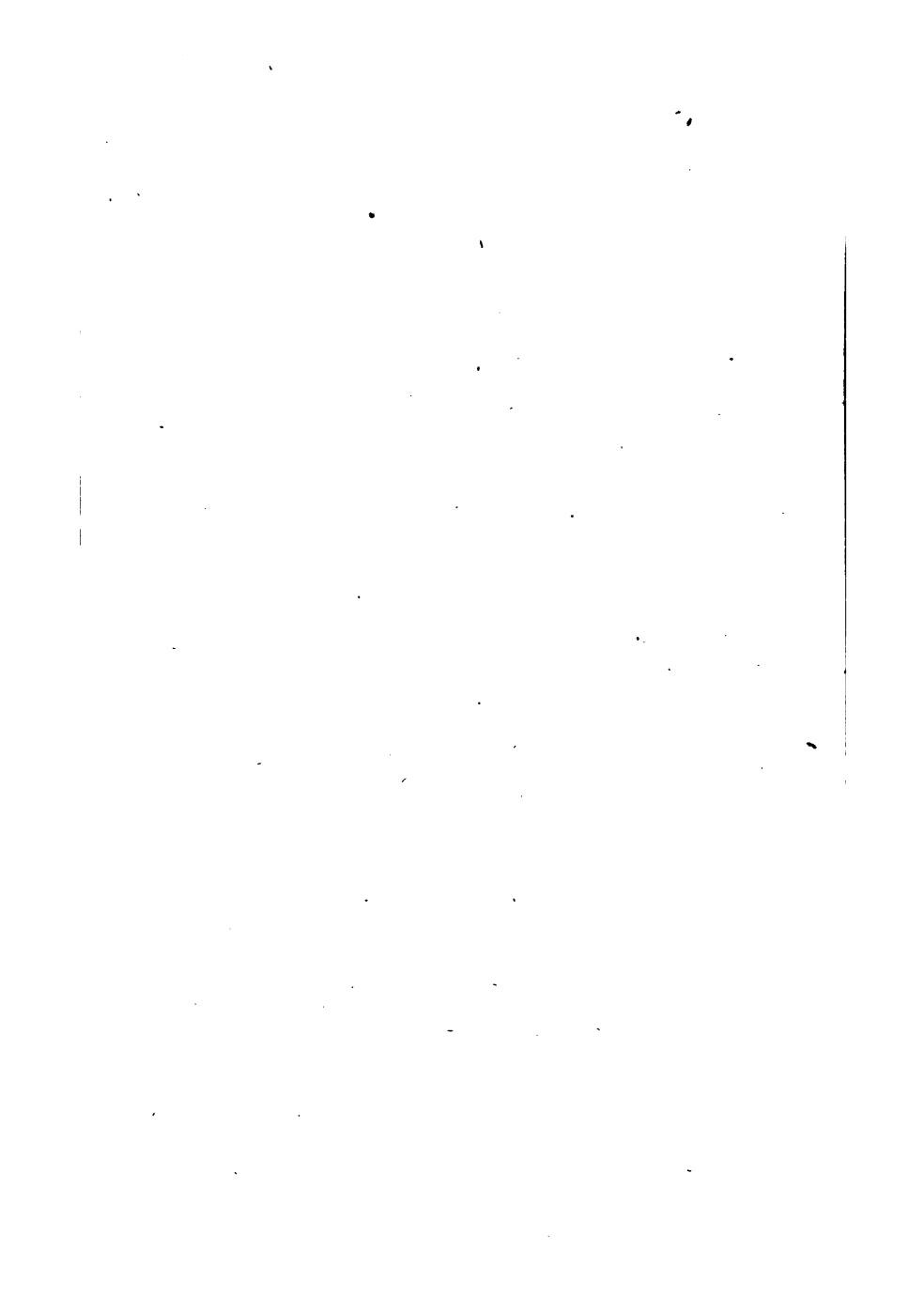
tinuation of the north line of the first named street and the south line of the other.

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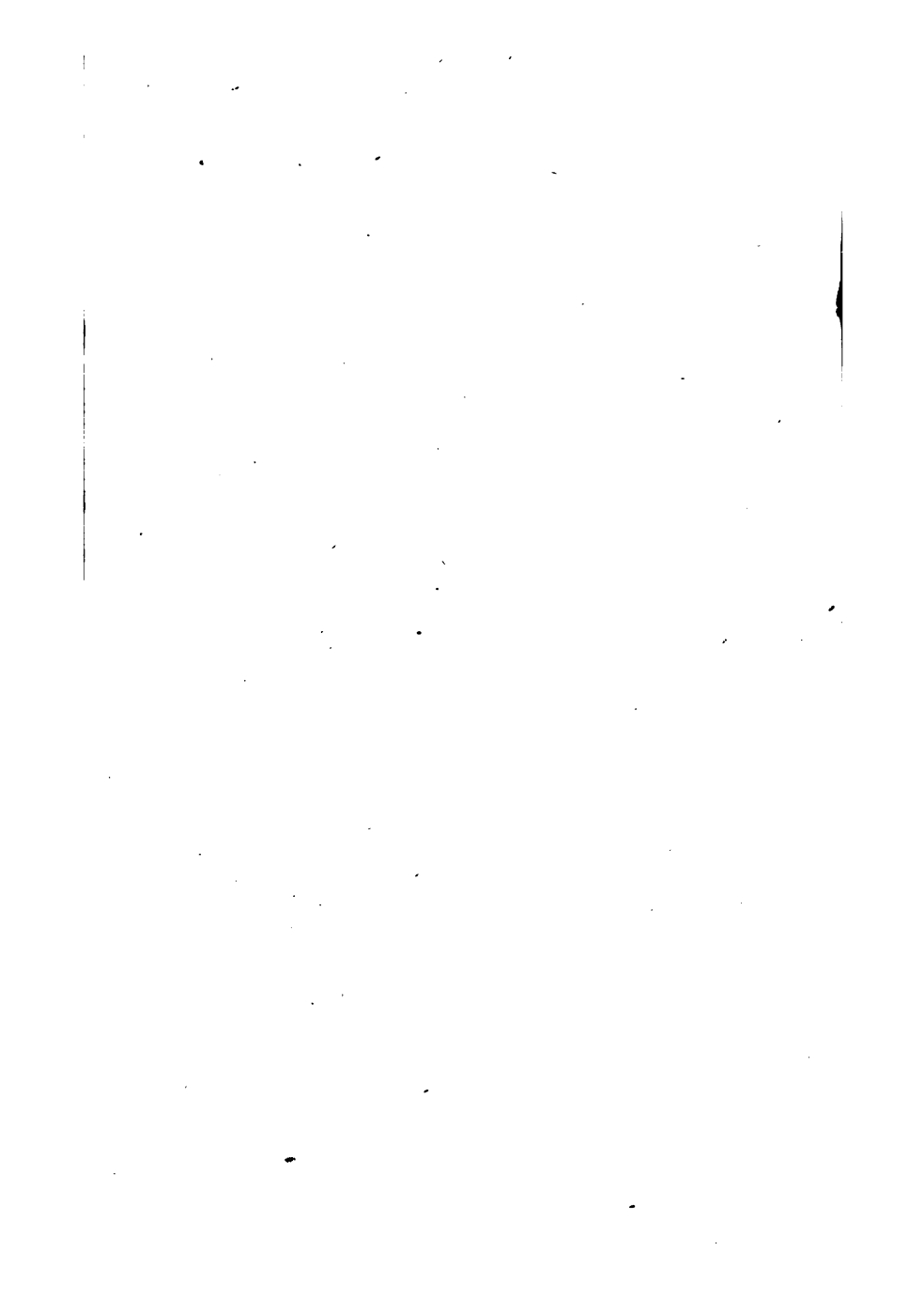
REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM THE SIDE WALKS.

1st. That the tenant, occupant, or, in case there shall be no tenant, the owner of any building or lot bordering on any street or public place within that part of this town commonly called the Village of Bedford, where there is a paved or flagged side-walk, shall, after the ceasing to fall of any snow, if in the day time, within six hours, or, if in the night time, before two of the clock in the afternoon succeeding, cause the snow to be removed from such side walks; and in default thereof, the snow shall be removed by some person authorized by the Selectmen, and the expense of such removal shall be paid by the occupant of such building or lot, or, if vacant, by the owner thereof; and upon refusal to pay the same, an action of debt for the recovery thereof shall be prosecuted against such person or persons by the Town Clerk, for the use of the town.

2d. That any person who shall lay, or throw, or cause to be laid or thrown, any ice or snow into any street or public place within that part of this town usually called the Village of Bedford, shall cause the same to be broken into small pieces and spread evenly on the surface of such street or public place, and in such manner as not to obstruct the gutters; and in default thereof, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than *one dollar*, and not more than *four dollars*, with costs of prosecution; said penalty to be applied as aforesaid.











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